Project (APAC), in Tamil Nadu and AVERT in Maharashtra are under implementation for effective prevention and control of HIV/AiDS in these States. These projects are supported by United State Agency for International Development (USAID).

National Medicinal Plants Board

†1317. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when the National Medicinal Plants Board was constituted;

(b) the details of its objectives;

(c) the amount allocated to the Boards by Government so far;

(d) whether Government have so far reviewed the works done by the Board; if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Board has reported shortage of employees; and

(f) if so, the obstacles in the oppointment of employees?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The National Medicinal Plants Board was established *vide* notification dated 24th November, 2000.

(b) The objectives of the Board include coordinate of all matters relating to medicinal plants, including drawing up policies and strategies for conservation, proper harvesting, cost-effective cultivation, research and development, processing, marketing of raw material in order to protect, sustain and develop this sector.

(c) The amount allotted to the Board so far is as follows:

2000-2001	Rs. 0093.51 lakhs
2001 -2002	Rs. 1172.69 lakhs
2002-2003	Rs. 1585.24 lakhs
2003-2004	Rs. 1500.00 lakhs

(d) The performance of the Boards is reviewed by its Governing Body from time to time. Besides, the works done by the Boards are reviewed by the Department of AYUSH regularly.

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(e) and (f) The Internal Work Study Unit of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has assessed requirement of 17 posts of the Medicinal Plants Board, excluding the post of the Chief Executive Officer. The Board at present is being managed by staff deployed from other organisations and engaged on contractual basis.

Ambulances in Central Government Hospitals

†1318. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ambulances in each Central Government hospital in Delhi and the conditions thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that these ambulaces are not even equipped to provide First Aid;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The details af ambulances in each of Central Government Hospital in Delhi are as under:

Hospital (s)	Total Ambulance (s)
Dr. RML Hospital	10
Safdarjung Hospital	19
LHMC & Associated Hospitals	08
A.I.I.M.S	13

All the ambulances in these hospitals are equipped with First Aid facility and are in working condition.

Raids on fake Doctors

1319. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government with the help of police have busted a gang of fake doctors/quacks in Delhi practicing as BAMS doctors;

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